

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Monday, March 21, 2011

9:00 AM

Senate Chamber

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Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on State Affairs was held on Monday, March 21, 2011, in the Senate Chamber.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Bob Deuell, Vice Chair  
Senator Rodney Ellis  
Senator Troy Fraser  
Senator Joan Huffman  
Senator Mike Jackson  
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.  
Senator Tommy Williams

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Robert Duncan, Chair  
Senator Leticia Van de Putte

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Senator Rodney Ellis, the acting chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 997 and recognized the author, Senator Shapiro, to explain the bill. The chair opened public testimony. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Ellis moved that SB 997 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 423 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill. The chair opened public testimony. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Ellis moved that SB 423 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 626 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill. Senator Lucio, Jr. sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Carona to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. The chair opened public testimony. Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Ellis moved that SB 626 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 521 and recognized the author, Senator Carona, to explain the bill. The chair opened public testimony. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Ellis moved that SB 521 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 372 and recognized the author, Senator Seliger, to explain the bill. Senator Huffman sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Seliger to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. The chair opened public testimony. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 642 and recognized the author, Senator Seliger, to explain the bill. The chair opened public testimony. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Deuell moved that SB 642 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 729 and recognized the author, Senator Seliger, to explain the bill. The chair opened public testimony. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Deuell moved that SB 729 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 216 and recognized the author, Senator Ellis, to explain the bill. The chair opened public testimony. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Deuell moved that SB 216 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ellis assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 258 and recognized the author, Senator Hegar, to explain the bill. The chair opened public testimony. Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Ellis moved that SB 258 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 450 and recognized Senator Ellis, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. The chair opened public testimony. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Deuell moved that SB 450 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Jackson assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 800 and recognized Senator Ellis, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. The chair opened public testimony. Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Jackson moved that SB 800 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 904 and recognized the author, Senator Patrick, to explain the bill. The chair opened public testimony. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Deuell moved that SB 904 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 11:10 AM Senator Deuell moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Robert Duncan, Chair

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Erin Fry, Clerk